

Monroe County Early Intervention Program

PIP Meeting Minutes November 14, 2012

2:00-4:00pm

Announcements/Sharing

Amy Bianchi is a new PT from Breaking Boundaries. Breaking Boundaries announced that they have hired a new Spanish speaking OT.

Vicki Murphy is back part time at the county (Preschool)

Norene Goodman is retiring next week (EI clerk). No replacement yet. In the interim, please contact Kristin Kane in regards to AT issues.

ECDI sent out e-mail (Winning Beginnings NY). They have been trying to get EI on their agenda.

Action: Ann Marie will forward e-mail.

Passed around flyers from Daystar & Rochester Regional Center for Autism.

Follow up from Action Items

Thanks to those who have sent updated rosters. Reminder: Purpose of roster is for OSC's and Chairs to be able to contact providers.

Thank you for sending contact info for whom to contact when scheduling an observation for groups. Should be hearing from OSCs in the next few weeks.

Reminder: Corporate Waiver application due 11/26/12.

Medicaid Corporate Compliance Training- for "relevant employees" in the Preschool Special Edu Program. FYI- If you have hired additional staff, the webinar still available for training for current providers. State is in discussion as to what will be needed moving forward.

IFSP Packet

Deb reviewed the IFSP packets that get sent to providers after initial, 6 month & annual reviews from both county & contracted agency OSC's for children in KIDS & NYEIS. (See attachment) Passed around samples to review. Discussed issues related to incorrect codes being entered. Advised providers to call SC &/or reject SA for corrections. Discussed desire to have accurate name, address & phone number on face sheet for all IFSP's. Discussed option to include parents e-mail (possible, requires parent consent). Discussed benefit of using universal paperwork for ISC, OSC and all types of IFSP's. Reminded all that we have a form to capture & update changes in "demographic info" (update/closing form). **Action:** County to check on process to see if this is sent to providers after changes are made in a data base. Discussed timeliness of providers obtaining IFSP's from SC's. **Action:** Providers- If you do not receive the proper IFSP paperwork please contact the SC. County will also discuss feedback and review current process and provide update at next PIP meeting.

Idea regarding checking physicians names against the list of excluded providers

Action: seek clarity on info. Vicki from CCHS suggested collectively gathering this info & pooling resources. **Action:** E-mail Kendra Morasco or Vicki Follaco with ideas or to be on a committee to discuss options. Pia suggested a spreadsheet that all could access. Pat Graff stated that there is a

Medicaid exclusion list, but the process is cumbersome. Ann Marie shared that they recommend requesting the DOB of the physician. Nancy shared the process that her staff uses at RCN. It seems simpler. MCCC utilizes a similar process. Discussed hopes to have a shared data base that is updated by all as they learn of new exclusions. **Action:** Nancy will e-mail the process that RCN uses to Vicki at CCHS. Discussed use of Kinney to access exclusion list (K-checks). County will **not** be purchasing Kinney programing necessary to do this. **Action:** Christine (MCCC) will looking to purchasing cost of program & will e-mail info she receives. Issue is that each agency is spending time on searching the same docs...not the most efficient way. Questioned the length of the county's Kinney contract. Ann Marie shared that every spring there is the possibility of change based on budget changes. Budget is currently done for 2013. Vicki questioned if there is another division within the county that could already be using K-checks. Christine pointed out that the agreement/contract with Kinney is very specific (most likely cannot be shared). Discussed frustrations regarding mandates on providers that they do not receive reimbursement for...more work/manpower is necessary for no additional money. **Action:** Ann Marie will follow up again with Kinney regarding the possibilities.

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Idea to have a universal form for scripts (EI & PSE). Might be a good idea to follow up with someone like Kelly Mason. Pia suggested including a check box on the form to physicians to check if they are excluded on the MA list. If a group is interested in working on this, they could benchmark with other counties. **Action:** If interested in participating in a time limited group to develop a universal form, please contact Vicki Fallaco @ CCHS.

BEI Webinar re Provider Agreements with the state

Discussed provider agreements (basic or enhanced). The goal is for current contracted providers will have agreements with the state by 4/2013. Kendra asked in regards to corporate waivers, is anything necessary after the provider profile? Nancy clarified that the state answered yes to this question & that there will be an agreement form...more to follow. Pat clarified that EI provider profile is separate from corporate compliance waivers. Mary Ellen heard that if you sent your corporate compliance info & did not hear anything back. You can assume that you had everything that was necessary. You have to have your corporate practice waiver to obtain your EI provider agreement.

Alliance meeting:

3360 comments were received for review regarding the arm's length proposal. The sense is that the Dec 1st deadline may not be realistic due to the time needed to continue to review comments. There will be an increase in fiscal audits. Discussed need for training on how to spend to "keep up" with your cost screen. They believe that 6% of budgets are fraudulently used (all state practices). It is their goal to capture this money back through audits. **Action:** If you are interested in trying to get a training organized locally please send an e-mail to Christine Scheffer @ MCCC.

Preschool Agenda

Brief update on Standardized testing listed as a method to evaluate goals. Beth Grier-Leva has been trying to reach Sandy Rybaltowski to determine if the guidance we received from the state in '08 still stands. Most providers are working directly with districts as this issue comes up. **Action:** Ann Marie will follow up with Beth & share the response.

Update/feedback on meeting with CPSE chairs & providers. Tab on provider grid for CPSE chairs has been added. Questioned ways to divide info for CPSE meetings & annual reviews. **Action:** Renee will adjust provider grid & contact Ann Marie. Ann Marie will then send out an e-mail. Contact Renee @ rschumacher @communicationctr.com.

Frequency & duration on script **Action:** Ann Marie will forward e-mail with specific info.

Question about rosters...clarified that there will be Fall & Spring requests for rosters. Can send updates as necessary when changes occur.

Action: Please e-mail Ann Marie with topics for future meetings.

The next 6-8 months will be interesting. Please be kind & patient, attempt to communicate clearly.
Happy Thanksgiving!!

Next meeting: Wed. December 19th, 2:00-4:00pm at Rochester School for the Deaf, 1545 St. Paul St
Rochester, NY 14621